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OUTPUT LIGHT MONITOR  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

After the title please add the following:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims priority of International application number PCT/JP01/02073, filed March 15, 2001, which in turn claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-077819, filed on March 15, 2000, Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-101316, filed on March 31, 2000, Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-380629, filed on December 14, 2000.--

IN THE CLAIMS

By this Amendment, Applicants are amending claims 44.

44. (Amended) The optical waveguide modulator equipped with an output light monitor as claimed in claim 1, wherein the optical waveguide element has a SiO<sub>2</sub> layer formed on a portion of the optical waveguide other than an input end portion of the surface optical waveguide portion and the output end portions of the output light-outputting optical waveguide portion and the monitoring light-outputting optical waveguide portion.